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Week in Review

Huawei CFO arrested at request of U.S. officials

- Canadian authorities arrested Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of Chinese tech company Huawei Technologies Co., at the request of the United States, with her arrest likely to escalate tensions between the United States and China as the countries seek to negotiate an end to an ongoing trade war. Meng, who is also the daughter of company founder Ren Zhengfei, was taken into custody in Vancouver Dec. 1 on suspicion of trying to evade U.S. sanctions against Iran, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

- A federally appointed monitor at HSBC Holdings PLC highlighted

suspicious transactions in Huawei's accounts to prosecutors seeking to extradite Meng, according to people familiar with the matter.

- Japan is planning to ban government purchases of equipment from Huawei and fellow Chinese telecoms firm ZTE Corp. in an effort to defend against cyberattacks and intelligence leaks, with a revision to the government's rules on procurement coming as soon as Monday, according to sources. The move would come after Huawei was locked out of the U.S. market and blocked by Australia and New Zealand from building 5G networks.

Release of internal Facebook emails raises new questions

- A trove of internal Facebook Inc. emails released by lawmakers in the United Kingdom appear to show that the social media platform gave some third-party app developers preferential access to user data and considered charging developers directly for data access.

- Facebook said that many of the emails, which emerged as part of a lawsuit against the company by app developer Six4Three LLC, discussed changes that Facebook considered in 2014 and 2015 in an effort to rid the platform of abusive apps.

- Facebook's board of directors told George Soros' Open Society Foundations in a letter that it "was entirely appropriate" for company Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg to ask if Soros shorted the company's stock after he called Facebook a "menace." Patrick Gaspard, president of the Open Society Foundations, wrote Facebook's board saying that Sandberg misled him in a private phone call when she said she did not know about the company's use of opposition research company Definers Public Affairs to look into Soros.

FCC Inspector General clears Pai of wrongdoing

- The Federal Communications Commission's Inspector General said it found no evidence that FCC Chairman Ajit Pai tried to conceal his interactions with the White House about Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc.'s now-failed bid to acquire Tribune Media Co. following allegations that Pai failed to disclose a conversation he had with former White House Counsel Donald McGahn about the proposed deal during a congressional oversight hearing in July.

Data breaches

- The email accounts of four National Republican Congressional Committee senior aides were hacked earlier this year, according to three senior GOP officials, exposing thousands of emails to an outside intruder for months before the breach was detected in April by an NRCC vendor.

- Online question-and-answer platform Quora Inc. said hackers may have gained access to the account information and private messages of approximately 100 million users , an announcement that comes less than a week after hotel chain Marriott International Inc. reported that hackers stole personal data from up to 500 million guests. Quora, which said its computer systems were compromised by "a malicious third party," noted that the pilfered information was unlikely to result in cases of identity theft since the site does not collect sensitive data like credit cards or Social Security numbers.

Self-driving cars

- Alphabet Inc.'s Waymo self-driving car unit officially launched the country's first commercial driverless taxi service in a roughly 100-mile zone across four Phoenix suburbs. The company's service, called Waymo One, will operate via an app similar to those used by ride-hailing companies such as Uber Technologies Inc. and Lyft Inc., and will include a human driver behind the wheel to intervene in the event of an emergency.

What's Ahead

- The House and Senate are in session this week.

- Google Chief Executive Sundar Pichai is scheduled to testify before the House Judiciary Committee at 10 a.m. on Tuesday in response to claims that the technology company is biased against conservatives. The hearing was postponed from last week as a result of former George H. W. Bush's funeral service.

- The next FCC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m on Wednesday. The agenda includes consideration of two new proposals to combat the rise of unwanted

phone calls and messages, including one that would allow service providers to block and filter text messages they identify as spam.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

Wall Street Journal cybersecurity executive forum	7:30 a.m.
Satellite Industry Association annual DOD commercial satcom workshop	8:30 a.m.
FTC public hearings on data security	10 a.m.
House Judiciary Committee hearing with Google CEO Sundar Pichai	10 a.m.
Future Tense event on what women in space can teach Silicon Valley	12 p.m.
ITIF event on big business in today's economy and society	12 p.m.
House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on Ray Baum's Act and bridging the digital divide	2 p.m.
New America event on managing government vulnerability	3:30 p.m.
House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on the DoD's AI structure, investments and applications	3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Satellite Industry Association annual DOD commercial satcom workshop	7 a.m.
FTC public hearings on data security	9:30 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on China's nontraditional espionage	10 a.m.
ITIF event on shifting public perception of big tech	10 a.m.
House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee on FITARA Scorecard 7.0	10 a.m.
FCC monthly commissioners' meeting	10:30 a.m.
House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on antitrust enforcement oversight	2 p.m.
NTIA BroadbandUSA webinar	2 p.m.
Wiley Rein WRC-19 Insights Roundtable	4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Satellite Industry Association annual DOD commercial satcom workshop	7 a.m.
Capitol Forum tech, media and telecom competition conference	11 a.m.
FCBA Engineering and Technical Committee event on wireless technologies operating above 95 GHz	12:15 p.m.
FCC's Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council meeting	1 p.m.

FRIDAY

Cato Institute Surveillance Conference	9 a.m.
FCBA Mass Media Committee event on mass media coverage	12:15 p.m.

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Rani Molla, Recode

4) Digital Divide Is Wider Than We Think, Study Says
Steve Lohr, The New York Times

5) Microsoft Pushes Urgency of Regulating Facial-Recognition Technology
Jay Greene and Douglas MacMillan, The Wall Street Journal

6) Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver
Robert Fife and Steven Chase, The Globe and Mail

7) Uber hires former U.S. safety official for self-driving effort
David Shepardson, Reuters

8) America's first self-driving car bill gets last-minute push from Congress
Makena Kelly, The Verge

9) The Secret Service wants to test facial recognition around the White House
Adi Robertson, The Verge

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